निर्धारित पर्यावरणीय स्तर को सामान्यतः बनाए हुए है, इसलिये एनटीपीसी के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई करने का प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता।

Distribution of Power Supply at Neyveli Thermal Power Plants

6557. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been any deliberate tripping and disruption of power supply at the thermal power plants of Neyveli;

(b) if so, the details of each incident;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been ordered to find out the causes for such incidents;

(d) whether any action has been initiated against those found guilty;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what steps are being taken to see that such incidents do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) There was grid disturbance on 28.3.1994 in Southern Region which affected the power generation units of TPS-II of Neyveli Lignite Corporation also. While the units were getting stabilised, there was tripping of circulating water pumps of certain units of Stage-II of TPS-II which resulted in recurrence of grid disturbance and tripping of remaining units of TPS-II and TPS-I.

(c) to (e) Preliminary enquiry indicated that it was a case of deliberate tripping by a section of the employees agitated over issue of transfer of some employees. Preliminary enquiry has been followed by disciplinary proceedings against these employees under the relevant provision of the rules of Neyveli Lignite Corporation.

(f) The swift action against the concerned employees is bound to have a deterrent impact. Security at the plants has also been further tightened.

Handing over loss making PSUs to Private Sector

6558. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a decision to hand over loss making public sector undertakings under the administrative jurisdiction of his Ministry to private hands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BIFR has given its consent in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Dues from NTC to Maharashtra Cotton Federation

6559. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 72.57 crores are due from National Textile Corporation to the Maharashtra Cotton Federation for purchase of cotton bales; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in making the payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 72.81 crores is due from N.T.C. to Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation towards supply of cotton to NTC. Cotton is purchased by NTC on credit terms. Therefore, there are bound to be certain outstanding dues for payment at any given point of time. Such outstandings are cleared from time to time upon generation of resources

and receipt of funds for liquidity and reimbursement of cash losses.

Subsidy for Janata Cloth to Madhya Pradesh

6560. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy provided to the Madhya Pradesh Government for Janata cloth during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of weavers and cooperative societies benefited thereby;

(c) whether there is any central or state level agency to review their working; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Janata subsidy provided during each of the last three years was:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
543.70	480.10	579.20

(b) The estimated number of weavers benefited under the Janata Cloth Scheme during each of the last three years were:

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
3.08 lakhs	2.76 lakhs	2.62 lakhs

The Madhya Pradesh State Textile Corporation Ltd. and the Madhya Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd. were the two implementing agencies of the scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir. The review of the working is done at the State level.

(d) The State Level Implementing Committee headed by Chief Secretary or Secretary in-charge of Handlooms and Director of Handlooms, as the Member Secretary along with a representative of DC Handlooms, Chief Executive of each implementing agency and handloom weavers' representatives review the production and distribution of the Janata cloth.

Handloom Development Centres and Dyeing units in Tamil Nadu

6561. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3850 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th April, 1994 and state that steps are taken to start Handloom Development Centres and Quality Dyeing Units in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): A sum of Rs. 10.00 crores has been released towards the first instalment for setting up of Handloom Development Centres and Quality Dyeing Units during the year 1993-94 to various State Governments. Out of this Central release, a sum of Rs. 124.85 lakhs has been released towards the first instalment of setting up of 30 numbers of Handloom Development Centres and 6 numbers of Quality Dyeing Units during the year 1993-94 to the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Scheme for export of garments from Bhopal

6562. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had announced a scheme for export of garments from Bhopal to help the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government had agreed to provide 25 per cent assistance under the scheme, for implementing at, with 75 per cent share of the State Government;

(c) whether all the arrangements in